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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 946

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A RESOLUTION to honor Kenco Group, Inc. on the celebration of its 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those exemplary organizations that are celebrating milestones in their venerable history; and

WHEREAS, Kenco Group, Inc. is one such outstanding organization that has distinguished itself as a preeminent leader in the public warehousing, forklift and van customizing industries; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, J.D. Kennedy, Sr., along with his son, J.D. Kennedy, Jr., and his son-in-law, Sam R. Smartt, Sr., formed Cherokee Warehouses, Inc., a public warehousing company; and

WHEREAS, the owners of Cherokee Warehouses, Inc. later formed Kenco Group, Inc. to provide contract warehousing; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the two companies merged, with Kenco Group, Inc. being the name of the newly formed company; and

WHEREAS, Kenco Group, Inc. has expanded its business to become one of the most successful Toyota forklift dealers in the country; and

WHEREAS, Kenco Group, Inc. provides over 14 million square feet of warehousing space in over 50 locations in 17 states and Canada, employing over 2,500 persons; and

WHEREAS, Kenco Group, Inc. continues to be owned by and led by the family of the late J.D. Kennedy, Sr., with J.D. Kennedy, Jr. serving as Chairman of the Board, his son, J.D. Kennedy, Jr. serving as President, and Sam R. Smartt, Jr., son of the late Sam R. Smartt, Sr. serving as Executive Vice President and Secretary; and

WHEREAS, all the owners of Kenco Group, Inc. have made valuable contributions to their community through their generosity and participation in numerous community endeavors and it is most appropriate that they be specially recognized for 50 years of impeccable service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby acknowledge and applaud Kenco Group, Inc. for 50 years of exemplary service, and extend to the company's owners and employees our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.